

REMARKS

Upon entry of the Amendment, claims 1 and 9-16 will be all of the claims pending in this application.

Claims 10-11 have been amended to depend from claim 15, and new claims 15-16, which correspond to original claims 2 and 5, have been added. As a result of an inadvertent error, claims 2 and 5 were cancelled (without prejudice) in the Amendment filed February 24, 2006. Counsel sincerely regrets any confusion this may have caused.

It is respectfully submitted that the amendments raise no new issues since claims 2 and 5 were previously examined on the merits and depend from claim 1. Thus, if claim 1 is allowed, the dependent claims should also be allowed.

Accordingly, entry of the above amendments is respectfully requested.

In the Advisory Action, the Examiner maintains the rejection of claims 1 and 9 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Ho et al. (US 5,468,532) in view of Mueller et al. (US 6,180,228B1), and the rejection of claims 1 and 9 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Mueller.

Claim 1 recites that the pressure-sensitive adhesive layers are the outermost layers of the double-sided pressure-sensitive adhesive tape. Neither Ho nor Mueller teaches or suggests pressure-sensitive layers that are the outermost layers, and thus, all of the limitations of claim 1 are not taught or suggested by the cited references.

In addition, claims 9-16 depend, directly or indirectly, from claim 1. Therefore, it is submitted that these claims are patentable for at least the same reasons as claim 1.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested.

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(c)
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For the above reasons, reconsideration and allowance of claims 1 and 9-16 are respectfully requested.

If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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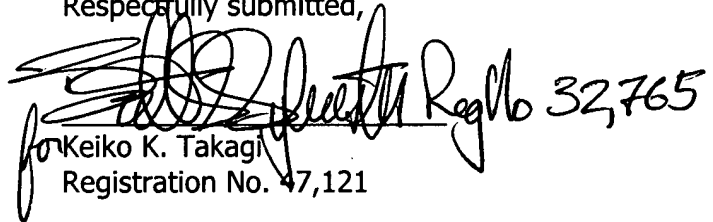
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